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**DA ADVISES COUNTY CLERK TO PROCESS MARRIAGE LICENSE  
APPLICATIONS**

Salt Lake City, UT | Earlier today, we received Judge Shelby's opinion declaring Utah's same sex marriage ban unconstitutional as a violation of both Equal Protection and Due Process. Consistent with the federal constitution and Judge Shelby's order, we promptly advised the Salt Lake County Clerk that marriage license applications submitted by same sex couples should be processed in the same manner as all other applications for marriage licenses.

We understand the State just filed its Notice and Appeal and may soon file a motion to stay Judge Shelby's order pending appeal. However, until Judge Shelby determines to stay his order, or until the State successfully petitions an appellate court to stay or reverse the ruling, we will continue to honor and uphold the constitutional rights of all Utahns.

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